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Reassuring Picture Of HK

(Our Own Correspondent)
London, Mar. 6.

A reassuring picture of life in Hongkong is contained in an article published in the *Times* review of the British Colonies today. In marked contrast to many recent articles coming out of Hongkong it shows how community life—particularly business life—has stood up with surprising resilience to events in China.

The correspondent who claims 40 years' knowledge of the Colony says he can think of only two episodes in his experience which "rocked this little island to its foundations." One was the seamen's strike in 1923 and the other was the Japanese occupation.

Although he does much to correct many wrong impressions about present-day life in the Colony he does not attempt to gloss over the effects of the embargo on American trade with Hongkong. He says not least of the new anxieties is the "unjust and misguided hostility among some ill-informed critics about the nature of the Colony's trade. One might think that Hongkong deals in nothing but war materials and that the Colony is merely a nest of smugglers. This is plain nonsense as anyone can discover by a glance at the infinite variety of raw materials and consumer goods that make up its enormous volume of commerce. It is true that while exports of strategic materials are prohibited some of them do get out in spite of official vigilance. (Most people know how hard it is to stop Chinese traders when they set out to beat the bans). But this is a mere tithe of the Colony's commerce which is almost wholly concerned with commodities of peace, not of war. And finally, even an American would have to travel far to find shops more heavily stocked with American goods than the Chinese stores in Hongkong's main streets."—London Express Service.

Gasperri Succeeds

Rome, Mar. 6.
Prime Minister Alcide De Gasperi won a 225 to 10 vote of confidence tonight in a tumultuous session of the Italian Chamber of Deputies. The session was boycotted by Communist and Leftist Deputies.—Associated Press.

Reds Strike Back In Central Korea

Mollet Fails To Win Vote

Paris, Mar. 6.
Premier-designate Guy Mollet, Socialist Deputy who pleaded for Parliamentary help in forming a new Cabinet to show all is not confusion in France, failed to obtain confirmation by 25 votes in the National Assembly tonight. He was beaten by Moderate and Rightist groups which oppose his party's Socialist policies. The outcome means President Vincent Auriol must find someone else as a possible successor to Premier Rene Pleven, who resigned last Wednesday because of a deadlock in Parliament over proposed changes in the French election laws.—Associated Press.

US Stops Tin Stockpile Purchases

Washington, Mar. 6.
The government announced today that all new purchases of tin for the national stockpile will be suspended immediately.

Suspension of the purchases for the stockpile had been recommended by the Senate Preparedness Sub-committee until Britain and other non-Communist countries agreed to stop what the Senators termed "leakage" of American taxpayers by tin mine owners and speculators.

Announcing the decision to stop new purchases, the general services administration said: "The policy is expected to continue until the price of tin reaches a reasonable level."—Associated Press.

South Pole Crossed

Buenos Aires, Mar. 6.
An Argentine scientific mission conducting surveys in the Antarctic region crossed the South Pole, it was announced here today.—United Press.

Tokyo, Mar. 7.

Communist forces struck back sharply at both ends of the central Korean front on Wednesday, driving the US 24th Division units from a hill near Yangpyong and knifing into South Korean lines east of Amidong.

Sketchy first reports indicated that fighting was continuing in both areas, but the Eighth Army Headquarters doubted that either was the beginning of an anticipated Red counter-offensive.

United Press correspondent Rutherford Poats at the Eighth Army Headquarters said it appeared still to be a Chinese and North Korean "holding action."

Gains of 1,000 to 2,000 yards were reported by United Nations forces southeast of Hoengsong in the centre of the line where North Koreans and some Chinese were pulling back into the trackless mountains ahead of the U.S. Second Division and the ROK Third Division.

Patrols of the US Third Division again struck out across the Han east of Seoul, landing from small assault boats on a rocky beach jutting into a loop of the Han. They took 50 Chinese prisoners and reported only light resistance.

The crossing was 15 miles east of Seoul. An Eighth Army communiqué said that a Red company struck a 24th Division platoon holding Hill 198, two miles west-northwest of Yangpyong at 10:40 p.m. on Tuesday. The Americans fell back after a 40-minute fight and called for artillery support.

The communiqué said that at 1 a.m. today the Yanks were again advancing and forcing the enemy to pull back from the hill.

The Reds hit other 24th Division units in the same area at 2:05 a.m. and as of 3:30 a.m. the battle was continuing. Another group of enemy troops hit Allied troops holding Hill 270, two miles northeast of Yangpyong at 3:50 a.m., but fell back after failing to take the hill.

At the eastern end of the central front, a regiment of the South Korean Seventh Division reported itself under "heavy pressure" from four enemy regiments two miles south of Soksa and six miles northeast of Amidong. Officers conceded

that it would be the start of a Red counter-offensive, but believed it more likely a stubborn enemy attempt to relieve pressure on the road junction at Soksa, where the Kangnung-Hoengsong later road crossed the north-south road from Pangnim to the 38th Parallel and beyond.

Allied warplanes were flying over the Korean front early today in clear skies after snow and low clouds hampered air activities somewhat during the past days.

Ground-based planes flew less than 150 sorties on Tuesday, the Far East Air Force Headquarters announced. There was no report from the Navy on its carrier activities for the day.

All-weather B-29s from Okinawa braved the foul weather to repeat a bombing raid on Pyongyang with 180 tons of bombs. All but one attack on Hamhung was by radar.—United Press.

ADVANCE IN BLIZZARD
Tokyo, Mar. 7.
American Second Division troops slogged forward more than a mile in a blizzard on Tuesday on the trail of a casually reeled Korean Red retreating deeper into the mountain wilderness of east central Korea.

Field dispatches said that while the snowstorm grounded Allied planes it helped the American troops to follow the tracks of the elusive Communists. Along the route lay the frozen bodies of "hundreds of enemy dead" killed in recent fighting.

Further east, the US Seventh Division was reported by Lieutenant-General Matthew B. Ridgway, US Eighth Army Commander, to be in possession of the highway communication centre of Changpyong.

A field dispatch, however, said a tank-led force that entered Changpyong on Monday withdrew at night. An Eighth Army briefcase officer reported the Seventh Division armoured patrol drew stiff Communist anti-tank and mortar fire on Tuesday, one mile south of the town.

In the centre of the United Nations line of attack, Chinese Communist batties stubbornly at two road approaches to Hongchong—headquarters of the Chinese 66th Army Corps.

Hongchong, 22 air miles south of the 38th Parallel, forms the apex of a defence triangle formed by three vital roads. It is reported to be the focal point of 300,000 Red build-up.

Hampered by mud and slush following a six-inch snowfall, Greek infantry attached to the US First Cavalry Division nevertheless captured the left base of the triangle at Yongdu, 15 miles southwest of Hongchong. They were pounded by heavy Communist fire from the hills to the north.—Associated Press.

Triplets Finally Arrive
London, Mar. 6.
The 38-year-old wife of a lorry driver finished giving birth to triplets today—two days after the first one arrived.

The woman, Mrs Amy Elizabeth Cakes, had a 4 lb. 12-ounce daughter in an East End hospital on Sunday. The other two babies, both boys, arrived this morning. One weighed five pounds three ounces, the other five pounds two ounces.

The babies, said Mrs Cakes, who already has a 15-year-old son, were said to be doing well.—Associated Press.

AIRLIFTING OUT THE WOUNDED



United Nations troops in the Wonju area of Korea slogged through mud and snow toward a waiting helicopter with a wounded comrade to be evacuated to a first aid station in the rear of the fighting zone. Helicopters are being used extensively for this type of operation.

—AP Picture.

STOP PRESS

The Budget \$13 Million Surplus Estimated

The Hongkong Government is budgeting for a surplus of \$13,815,713 in the forthcoming financial year.

Estimated revenue is \$247,280,850 and estimated expenditure \$233,465,137.

If the surplus materialises the accumulated revenue balance will stand at \$101,760,432 at the end of next March.

It was disclosed at Legislative Council this afternoon that the revised estimated surplus for the current financial year will be \$23,791,877, but that this would have been much larger but for the fact that during the year \$50 million in respect of loan advances were charged off to expenditure.

Thus the revised expenditure amounts to \$250,448,999. It is also emphasised that expenditure during the current year includes \$16 million towards the cost of the present emergency, which was not provided for in the original estimate, and that considerable unforeseen expenditure on security and civil defence measures has also been incurred during the year.

REGISTRATION TAX

The Financial Secretary expects to obtain the bulk of his revenue from duties, rates, internal revenue and the various other normal heads.

Nevertheless it is proposed to introduce a Business Registration Tax with an annual fee of \$200. Originally the figure was fixed at \$300, but it has been reduced to prevent any possibility of hardship on small businesses. The tax is expected to yield \$4,000,000.

There is to be no increase in the salaries and profits taxes.

From duties the Government expects to collect \$58,400,000 compared with the estimated \$39,800,000 for the current year. Rates were estimated to yield \$27,040,000 compared with \$19,441,000 estimate of \$21,510,000; Internal Revenue to produce \$33,100,000 against \$70,000,000; Licences, Fines and Forfeitures \$12,899,700 (\$9,040,450); Fees of Court or Office \$15,093,200 (\$10,977,030); Water Revenue \$7,120,400 (\$5,700,400); Post Office \$14,100,000 (\$10,000,000); Railways \$1,000,000 (\$7,000,000); Lands, Rates, etc. \$9,500,000 (\$9,500,000); Miscellaneous \$10,223,100 (\$7,700,000); Total \$247,280,850 (\$233,465,137).

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DISCORD AMONG BIG FOUR DEPUTIES

Gromyko Strays Far Afield

Paris, Mar. 6.
A controversy that has bogged down so many East-West meetings—how basic issues should be interpreted—caused sharp clashes between Russia's Andrei Gromyko and Western power delegates at the Big Four Deputies' meeting today.

The Deputies are working on proposed agendas for a Foreign Ministers conference on world problems.

In Western eyes, Mr. Gromyko strayed far afield from what this conference is all about. In her preliminary notes, Russia had stressed that this conference would talk about the subjects for an agenda, not the subjects themselves. The West agreed.

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"It seems to be a lot of the same old thing, but I suppose we should not be defeatist," said one official.

"Given goodwill and a desire to bring about a meeting of the Foreign Ministers, there is no reason why the space between the two agendas (of Russia and the West) cannot be bridged," said a British spokesman.

The Russians were giving no hint to the Western press on what occurred inside the Deputies—Mr. Gromyko, US Ambassador-at-Large Philip Jessup, British Chief Delegate Ernest Davies, and Mr. Alexander Parodi, the French Permanent Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs—met in the Pink Palace on Monday. They are trying to agree on what subjects to talk about at a new Foreign Ministers' conference. Russia originally demanded a council of Foreign Ministers last November to take up the question of Germany—especially the plans of the Western powers to bring Germany into their defence setup.

Mr. Gromyko proposed a three-point agenda, heavy with items about German disarmament, a German peace treaty, withdrawal of occupation troops and reduction of the armed forces of the four powers.

The West offered an agenda that would take up first the "causes of international tension in Europe"—the armed forces of Russia, East Germany and the satellites—an Austrian independence treaty and, last, the questions of German unity and peace.

Today, the Deputies met for five hours to see if they could put the two lists together in a workable whole.—Associated Press.

Building Up The RAF

HUGE SPENDING PROGRAMME

London, Mar. 6.
The British government disclosed today plans to spend more than £1,400,000,000 on the Royal Air Force by the spring of 1954.

"Air strength has been given first priority in our defence system," Air Secretary Arthur Henderson told the House of Commons.

By the 1953-54 fiscal year, he said, the Royal Air Force which now ranks behind the Army and Navy in spending—may be the largest single element in the defence budget.

He said present plans call for increasing RAF strength to 800,000 men this year. It stood at 218,000 last spring.

Mr. Henderson refrained from giving the number of planes now in service, but said the RAF world-wide fighter strength is already greater than it was in September, 1939, when World War II broke out.

£400,000,000 A YEAR

Mr. Henderson was the first speaker in a House debate on the Air Force budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1. The government is asking an appropriation of £228,750,000 compared with £223,000,000 last year, Mr. Henderson said.

"Under the present programme, between 1950-51 and 1953-54 expenditure on the Air Force will average over £400,000,000 a year."

The Air Secretary gave this outline of air defence plans for the immediate future:

1. The government has placed "substantial orders" for a new fighter plane which "will have a rate of climb exceeding that of the best jet fighter in service today in this or any other country."

2. A "powerful force" of night fighter squadrons is being built up. All will be equipped with jet planes.

3. A chain of radar stations is planned which will encircle the United Kingdom. New radar equipment is being introduced "based on research and experience during and since the war and designed to meet the needs of modern air defence."

4. The number of fighter and ground attack squadrons in Germany will be substantially increased this year.

5. The first squadrons equipped with the high-speed twin-jet Canberra bomber will be formed "shortly." These squadrons will be the forerunners of a large light bomber force which will be equipped with this type. Eventually there will be photographic reconnaissance squadrons also using Canberras.—Associated Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Accumulated Surplus

WHILE Hongkong's taxpayers have no reason to regard today with any trepidation, it does possess for them a certain degree of interest. This afternoon Sir Geoffrey Follows presents the Budget for 1951-52 and while first estimates for expenditure have already been made known, the Financial Secretary's proposals for raising sufficient revenue remain a secret until after he has made his speech to Legislative Council. Sir Geoffrey is now familiar with the Colony's proclivity for producing many millions of dollars more than envisaged in the Estimates, which has the effect of giving the Budget an air of unreality. Yet it is probable that, with the substantially increased expenditure which the Financial Secretary forecasts, and the dangerous possibility that revenue will not be so readily forthcoming as in the year ending, next year's Estimates will come nearer the actual figures than in the past. If Government could rely on this year's income being repeated, revenue between 270 and 280 million dollars could be expected which would still allow the Financial Secretary to budget for a useful surplus. Even conservatively Government can hope for a credit balance of five to ten million dollars. The presumption is that this, or any other surplus on the year's working will be added to the general revenue balance. That accumulated balance should, by the end of this month, amount to between \$280 million and \$240 million, completely independent of any credit balance outstanding from the operations of the old Supplies, Trade and Industry Department. It is a rosy picture, although the taxpayer might be forgiven if he wondered whether the Colony is deriving any practical value from possessing such a vast reserve. He might also be ex-

cused if he were to inquire whether anything tangibly useful is being done with the money. Is it just "dead" money, and if so, why should it remain so? Government justifies the creation of a mammoth reserve on the grounds that it may be necessary in a time of emergency. It is a credible enough argument, except, of course, our substantial reserves in 1941 did not do the Colony a great deal of good when war descended on Hongkong. That is not to suggest that we do not agree with the building-up of adequate financial reserves. They are essential. But the danger exists of the whole thing becoming an obsession; where possession of a fabulous accumulated revenue balance becomes more important in the mind of Government than the judicious use of some of the money. There are emergencies other than those associated with war or internal security. One emergency which confronts the Colony today (and has done for years past) is the menace of Tuberculosis; another is education; yet another open spaces and other social amenities. We may not be able to deal with these demands on the purse from current general revenue, but they do seem to have a claim on an accumulated surplus which threatens very soon to exceed its minimum requirements by \$50 million. As much as anything else the public will be interested to know is whether Government proposes to release some of these excess funds for improving public services, or whether Government intends to build the surplus up to an astronomical figure for the sheer sake of being able to boast of a balance greater than expenditure in any one year is ever likely to be. There needs to be moderation in surplus-building, as with all other things.

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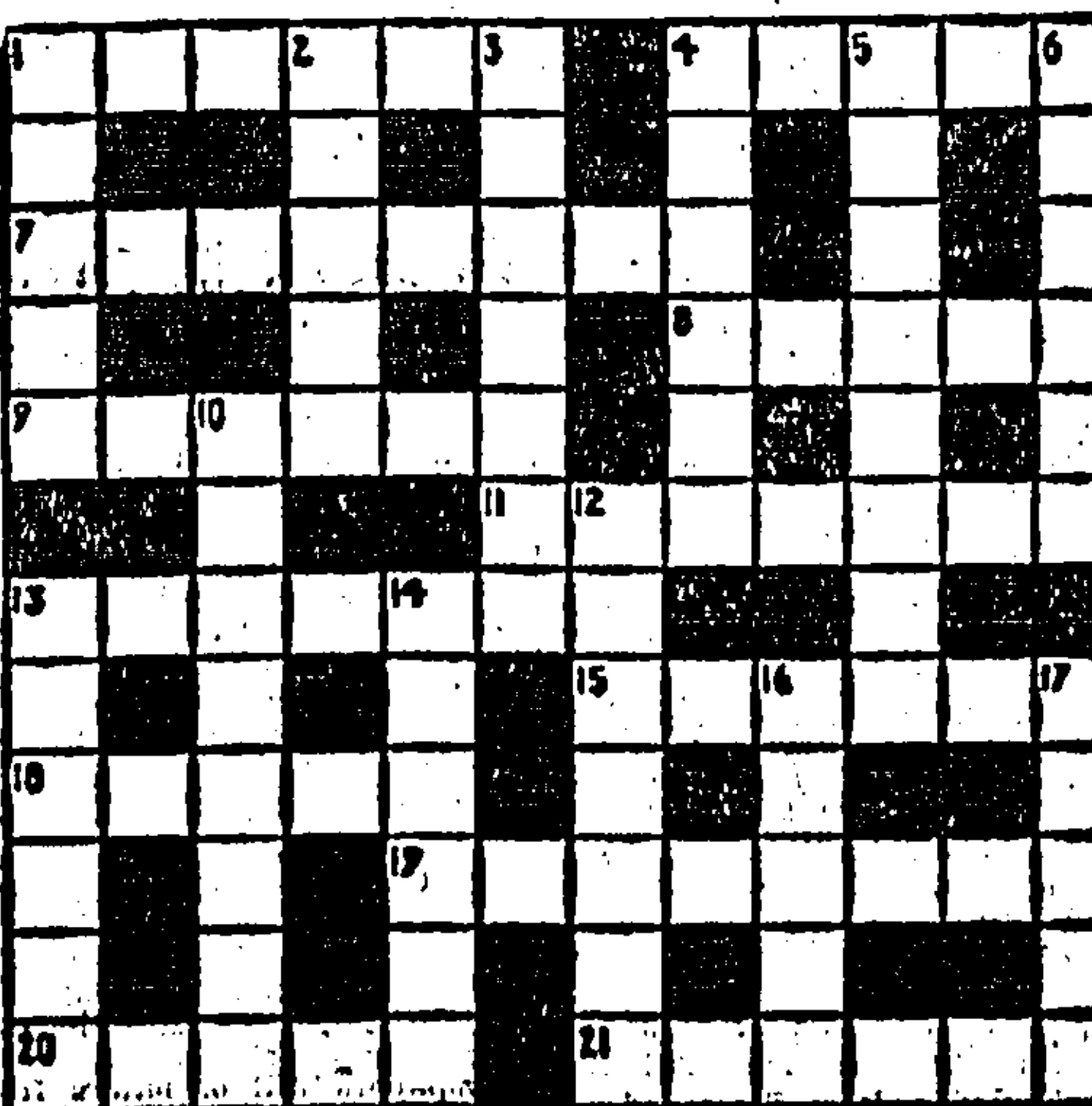
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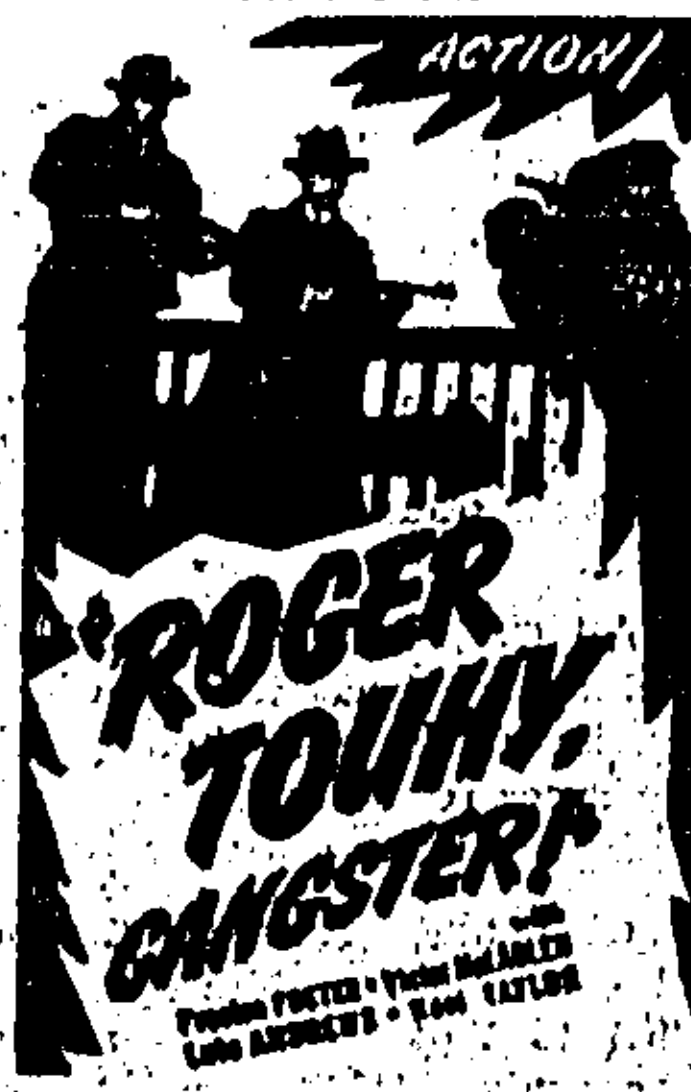
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OPENS TO-MORROW! John Ford's **"RIO GRANDE"**
Starring JOHN WAYNE**Eden Warning On
Paratroop Peril**London, Mar. 6.
Britain must be prepared
in the event of war to de-
fend herself against as
many as six divisions of
paratroopers, Mr. Anthony
Eden told the House of
Commons today.Mr. Eden said Britain
could not depend again
entirely on intercepting
enemy aircraft. She also
must concentrate on hitting
enemy bases and rocket
launching sites to cripple
any attack before it
eventually gets under way.
Mr. Eden said: "I would
reckon maybe 500 to
1,000 four-engine aircraft
could be organised to deal
with something up to six
divisions."—United Press.**Sinking Ship
Struggles
To Port**New York, Mar. 6.
Rescue cutters today
reached the 2,415-ton
Norwegian ship, *Bertha*
Provins, which had radioed
earlier that she was "pro-
bably sinking" after a
collision with a Danish
ship off the Delaware
coast.The Coast Guard authori-
ties here said that the cutters were
standing by the stricken ship as
she moved slowly toward shore
through a heavy fog. The
Bertha Provins' captain radioed
that he would try to run the
ship aground in Delaware Bay
"if my power holds out."His message said that water
was pouring into one of the
ship's holds and she was settling
slowly. Earlier the engine room
was reported to be flooded.The Coast Guard said that
the Danish ship, the 3,385-ton
Urtenborg, had suffered little
damage.
The collision took place near
the point at which Delaware
Bay meets the Atlantic Ocean.
It is one of America's busiest
shipping lanes, carrying traffic
to and from Philadelphia.On the way to the rescue, one
of the Coast Guard cutters
picked up six men from a fish-
ing boat which had run aground
in the fog.—Reuter.**Meat Talks
Progress**Buenos Aires, Mar. 6.
Mr. John Edwards, head of
the British delegation, said that
after two hours' discussion to-
day the Argentine and British
negotiators agreed on discus-
sions on the meat agreement and
other trade matters.
He would not specify points
on the agenda but said the meat
problem would not be considered
separately. It was treated
as part of the overall pic-
ture of Anglo-Argentine rela-
tions.
The next meeting is to be
held tomorrow.—United Press.**Fire Tragedy**Tokyo, Mar. 6.
Four young girls lost their
lives today when a pre-dawn
fire caught them sleeping at
home in Kanda, Tokyo.
Ten other occupants of the
house escaped.—Reuter.**A British Crossword Puzzle**ACROSS
1 Fight.
4 Body of slingers.
7 Recommend.
8 Blue.
9 Deals.
11 Protective garment.
13 Use up.
15 Quilt.
18 Civic dignitary.
19 Testimony.
20 Unsubstantial.
21 Incidents.
DOWN
2 Dexterly.
3 Litter.
5 Beam.
6 Bring into being.
8 Obstacle.
9 Revoked.
10 Nervous.
12 Truce.
13 Force.
14 Disquiet.
16 Vassal.
17 Lock.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Apes, 4 Pelican, 5 Tull, 6 Beau, 10 Allaron, 11 Mine, 12 Hippo, 14 Tinting, 17 Arrow, 19 Aroma, 22 Meadling, 20 Unit, 27 Sort, 28 Furitan, 30 Fag, 30 Nul, 31 Delects, 24 Ewer, Down: 3 Prefor, 8 Stumps, 9 Plant, 8 Kibair, 6 Jact, 7 Adorn, 13 Harin, 15 Mole, 16 Iron, 18 Onat, 18 Kadan, 20 Rump, 21 Mingle, 23 Klude, 24 Trive, 25 Gaud.

**Far Eastern
POW's To
Press Claims**

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Mar. 6.
Lieut-Gen. A. E. Percival, who commanded the
Singapore garrison at the time of its fall to the
Japanese in 1942, will be among the speakers at an
all-Party meeting in the House of Commons to-
morrow to press the claim of 30,000 British Far
Eastern prisoners-of-war for compensation from
their captors.The claim is being put forward on their
behalf by the Returned British Prisoners-of-War
Association. It is based on petitions signed by
thousands of ex-prisoners-of-war accusing the
Japanese of violating the Geneva Convention and
treating prisoners in a manner contrary to the
usages of war.MP's of all three political
parties will hear the first de-
tailed indictment of the Japanese
for their inhuman treatment of
British prisoners-of-war. These
include 2,000 men of the Royal
Navy, some 30,000 soldiers and
3,000 airmen.Far Eastern prisoners-of-war
are anxious to put their claim
before the MP's before the terms
of the peace treaty with Japan
are settled.Other people besides the
ex-prisoners are pressing
claims against the Japanese.
They include hundreds of
"Japanese" bond-holders who
have received no payment on
their holdings since before
the war. Their champion, Mr.
Luke Teeling, Conservative
MP, is to raise the matter in
the Commons tomorrow.He will ask the Foreign
Secretary whether he will as-
certain through the Far Eastern
Commission how far the per-
mission of General MacArthur
for the Japanese Government to
contact foreign governments and
negotiate with them on certainmatters includes negotiations on
repayment of Japan's pre-war
debt, and interest accrued on
loans; and what scope he has
taken to discuss these matters
with the Japanese Government.**Malik Rejects
Accusation
By America**Lake Success, Mar. 6.
M. Jacob Malik, the Soviet
delegate to the United Nations,
today denied that Russia had
prevented the adoption of a
proposed international arms
census.The allegation was made on
Saturday by Mr. Frank Nash,
the United States representa-
tive on the United Nations
Commission for Conventional
Armaments.Mr. Nash then said that if
the Soviet Government really
wanted the world to know the
facts about the level of arma-
ments, it would withdraw its
opposition to a programme
approved by the majority of
the General Assembly for an
exchange of exact and authen-
ticated information concerning
armaments and armed forces
among member states.Mr. Nash said that the proposal
for such a census was vetoed in
the Security Council by Russia.
Today M. Malik issued a state-
ment through the United Nations
which said: "The allegation of
Mr. Nash that the Soviet Union
prevented the adoption of a pro-
posal for the submission by
states of information on arma-
ments and armed forces is
groundless.""In reality, the United States,
as well as the other countries of
the Anglo-American bloc, re-
jected the proposal of the USSR for
the submission by States both of
information on armaments and
armed forces which was intro-
duced by the representative of
the USSR in the Security Council
on October 13, 1946."—Reuter.**French
Demarche
To Egypt**Paris, Mar. 6.
The Egyptian Ambassa-
dor, Ahmed Sadi, was
today summoned to the
French Foreign Office by
the French Foreign Minis-
ter, M. Robert Schuman. M.
Schuman expressed the
astonishment and indigna-
tion of the French people at
the present campaign about
Morocco in Egyptian
papers.M. Schuman was reported to
have asked the Egyptian Am-
bassador why the Egyptian Gov-
ernment allowed the national
Press to continue to publish in-
formation known to be entirely
inaccurate.He was said to have also
insisted that the Egyptian Gov-
ernment should give the French
Government a reply to the
question.M. Eduard Herriot, Speaker of
the National Assembly and third
ranking personality in the
Fourth French Republic, said in
Parliament today: "I protest
against the insulting and inept
calumnies from a country which,
has, in the past, accustomed us
to expect from it a more seemly
behaviour."M. Herriot's protest followed
an accusation by the Nationalist
Algerian deputy, M. Ahmed
Mecene, that "French policy in
Morocco is a policy of charac-
teristic aggression." He added that
the Resident-General, General
Alphonse Juin, was conducting
repression "in a masterly man-
ner."Meanwhile in Cairo today,
the French Ambassador, M.
Couve de Murville, asked to see
the Egyptian Prime Minister,
Nahas Pasha. The French re-
quest was understood to arise
from Egypt's attitude towards
the developments in French
Morocco.Abdel Krim, the refugee
leader of the Riff uprising in
1920-28, called on the Egyptian
Foreign Minister today and
thanked him for Egypt's support
for the Arab cause in Morocco.(Abdel Krim was deported
by the French to Reunion Is-
land in 1928 and lived in exile
there until 1947. Given per-
mission to take up residence in
France, he left his ship in
Egypt and has since lived
there.)—Reuter.**STAR**
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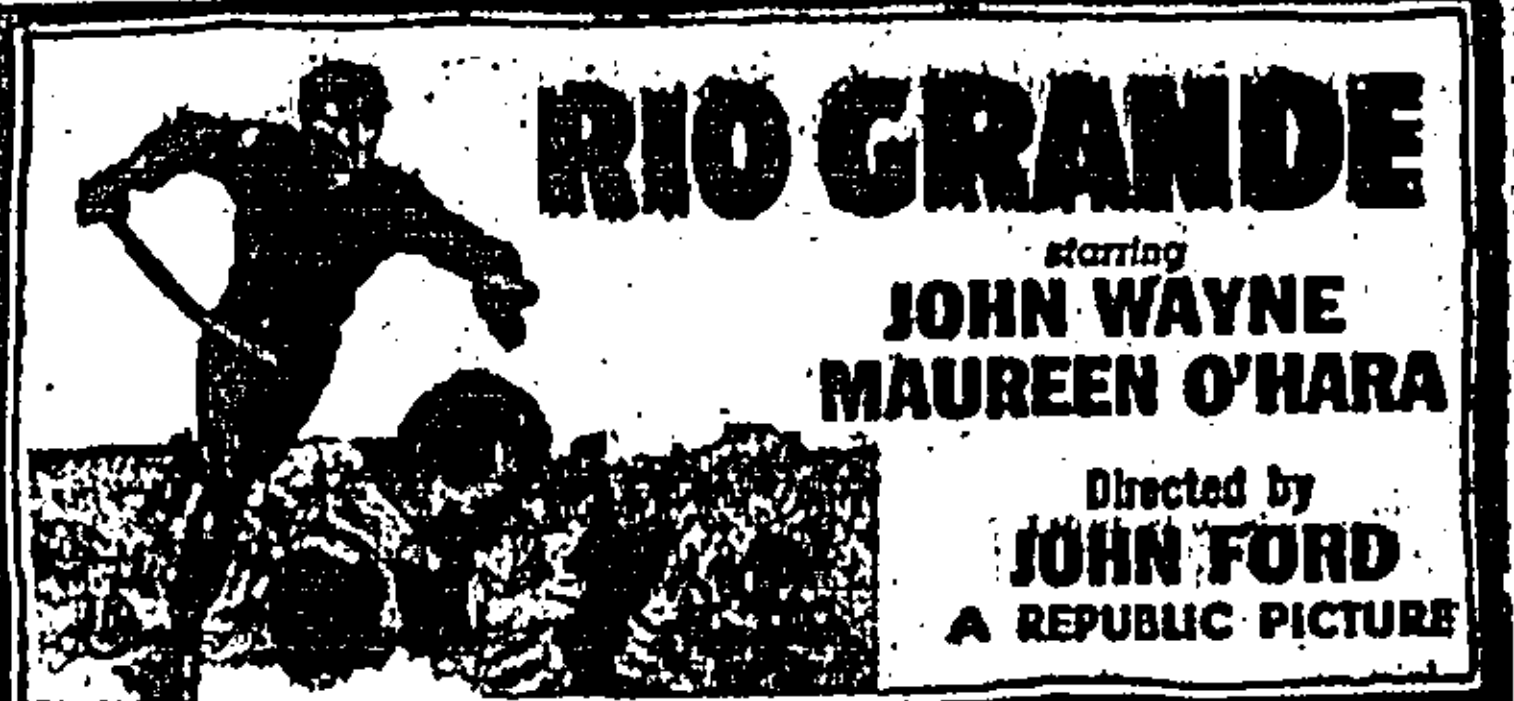
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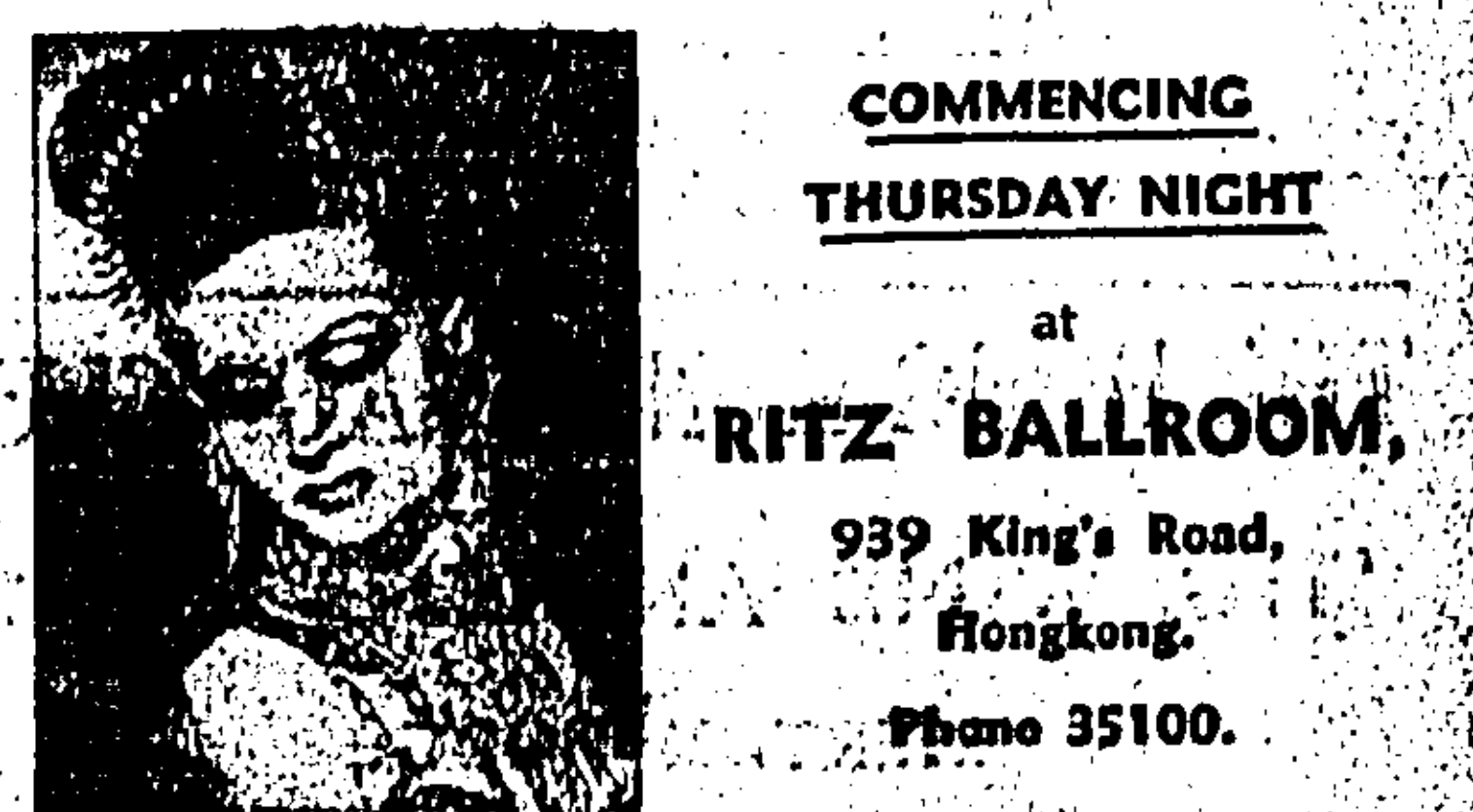
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THE WINDSORS IN EXILE

How the Duke and Duchess live in Paris and New York

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By a Special Contributor

THE mere fact of the
Duchess of Windsor
entering a New
York hospital is an
item of world interest.

For even today, though
nearly 14 years have passed
since her marriage to the
Duke, she is still the
world's most-discussed
woman.

The story of the abdica-
tion has passed into his-
tory. The passions it
aroused have died down.
But the life of the Duke
and Duchess, as voluntary
exiles abroad, remains of
profound interest to the
world.

Their life since the ab-
dication can be divided into
three phases, the imme-
diate post-abdication time
in Paris, the war years
spent with the Duke as
Governor of the Bahamas,
and the post-war period in
Paris and America.

The most difficult time
for the Duke and Duchess
was naturally immediately
after the marriage. Then,
when passions were still
running high, they learned
who were their real friends.

On arrival in France they
leased a house in the Bou-
levard Suchet and the
Chateau de la Croix at Can-
nes. The Duchess devoted
all her time and energy to
making these houses into
homes.

JOB WELL DONE

THE Duke, meanwhile,
was settling the many
problems that arose in-
evitably on account of his
rapid departure from Bri-
tain.

They lived pleasantly in
Paris until the declaration
of war; then the Duke, as
a major-general, was at-
tached to the French Army.

After the fall of France,
which he foresaw, the Duke
and Duchess went to Lis-
bon. There, Mr Churchill
offered the Duke the
Governorship of the Baha-
mas. In that responsible
post he achieved high suc-
cess. He handled labour
troubles with skill.

And he established close
and excellent relations with
the United States Govern-

ment at the time when Mr
Churchill leased bases in
the Bahamas and elsewhere
to America in return for
U.S. destroyers.

The greatest admirer of
the way the Duke perform-
ed his public duties was the
Duchess.

When his war assignment
ended, the Duke and
Duchess, after a long stay
in America, returned again
to France in 1946 to find
their houses and furniture
intact.

Since then they have
spent every winter in
America, every summer in
France.

POPULAR FIGURE

THE Duke likes Ameri-
cans and their way of
life. He has made warm
friends of many who lead
big industry in that country
and is interested in its
political affairs.

In America the Windsors
are celebrities. Autograph
hunters pursue them.

In France they are looked
upon with respectful curi-
osity, for the realistic
French cannot understand
how a man, to whom the
hazard of birth gave the
greatest heritage in the
world, could give all up for
the woman he loved.

The French consider the
Windsor story the greatest
love story of the century.

The Duchess is a popular
figure in the social life of
France. She enjoys any
conversation and adorns
any society. She has wit,
courage, beauty of a distinc-
tive type, and conversa-
tional genius.

ART OF CLOTHES

SHE understands clothes,
is always exquisitely
dressed.

Because she understands
the art of understatement
in dress her clothes are
effective.

Stories that she spends
fortunes on clothes are un-
true. She buys carefully
and refuses to pay the ab-

surd prices asked by the
Parisienne dressmakers.

She is well informed,
reading all the important
newspapers every morning.

When she wishes to em-
phasise a point in her
conversation she gesticulates
with her hands.

Like all good talkers she
is an excellent listener.
She rarely discusses poli-
tics, saying that she does
not like to talk about world
affairs.

She talks little of herself.
But in conversation she
constantly expresses her
great admiration for the
work of her husband while
he was Prince of Wales and
King.

She never talks of her own
difficulties, but often of the
difficulties which the Duke has
endured.

GOOD FOOD

WHETHER in Paris, New
York, or Cannes, the
Duke and Duchess lead much
the same life.

The Duchess rises early. Her
first task is to interview the
chef, for the Duchess likes good
food. Her table is one of the
best in Paris.

After the chef the secretary
is interviewed and arrange-
ments made for the day.

Then the Duchess arranges
all the flowers in the house
herself before she settles down
to reading the morning papers.

In the morning the Duke at-
tends to his correspondence,
and the writing of his memoirs.

He rarely writes a letter
with his own hand, but dic-
tates to a secretary.

He has a light lunch. His
only substantial meal of the
day is dinner.

The Duchess generally lun-
ches with women friends,
sometimes in a restaurant but
often at home.

In the afternoon the Duke
frequently plays golf.

CANDLE-LIGHT

HOUSEKEEPING is one of
the Duchess's chief occu-
pations. She runs her house
smoothly.

The dining-room and the
drawing-room of the house
which they lease in Paris from
an architect, manufacturer Paul
Louis Weiller is bright with
candles, not electric light. The
Duchess loves the soft light of
candles.

Her houses are at once
transformed in beauty by the
way she arranges her valuable
furniture and objects. Yet
they remain livable and never
become museums.

If the Duke has any sorrow
it is because of his continued
self-exile from Britain. Yet
even this he suffers gladly,
since he insists that if he re-
turns his wife must receive
the honour he considers due to
her.

Those who see the Duke and
Duchess constantly affirm the
success of their marriage.

One day when our children
will ask us to explain the com-
plicated abdication crisis we
will be able to conclude by say-
ing: "Well, they lived happily
ever afterwards."

—(London Express Service)

Sitting on the Fence.... by

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

I MAY not be loved by
the masses
In England, where
rations are short;

I admit that I felt a bit
nasty

When no one received me
at court

But a girl what has made a
good marriage

To a man what has got to the
top;

That girl who was made to look
silly

Can have her revenge for a
slop.

A girl what has pride and has
spirit;

That girl has a chance to go
far.

That girl, if she's given the
power,

Can settle her name on a star;

She can paint her name over the
stations,

The roads and the ships out
at sea.

(If I felt a bit catty I bear no
one malice

Though I didn't have dinner
at Buckingham Palace)

A gas works is named after me.

In Darkest Africa

A NEWSPAPER clipping which
has reached me from
Bulawayo states that Thirty-
one Africans accused of murder
were convicted that their women
and children were being kid-
napped and canned as corned
beef to supplement the meat
ration in Britain.

So they formed a village de-
fence committee and bumped off
intruders with spears and hat-
chets.

Although local officials believe
they were scared by certain im-
ported tinned products bearing
the head of a Negro as a trade
mark, it is just as likely that
they have been reading the cor-
respondence columns in British
newspapers full of letters from
people moaning for steaks. Or
perhaps they have been reading
some of the disgusting recipes
offered by cookery columnists.

My own guess is Russian propa-
ganda.

How easy it would be for a
Russian political commissar, dis-
guised as a missionary, to mix
with the simple natives of
Africa, read the food news from
Britain, tell them we are down
to our last reindeer, and quote
from this column last week that
we have already eaten Father
Christmas.

He could also quote a recent
Government statement about the
"enormous potential meat re-
sources of the African Continent."

Cummings

GETTING A CARRIAGE ALL TO YOURSELF...

...The bogus "reserved for V.I.P." touch.

...the aromatic tobacco from far Tibet.

...the strategic disposition of personal luggage.

By... the scowl.

...er, my little daughter is suffering from scarlet fever, but I don't think it's infectious...

...the touch of eccentricity.

London Express Service

INSIDE INFORMATION

By MERCURY

PREMIER Nehru has
given permission for
Soviet literature and films
to be imported freely into
India.

Truckloads of Communist
pamphlets, long awaiting
this approval, are now
reaching the Indians.

Russia is withdrawing its
Charge d'Affaires from Athens.
He is unlikely to return to
Greece.

Greece will place its claim to
Cyprus before the United Na-
tions.

Twelve Infantry battalions of
Soviet police have been drafted
into Czechoslovakia to help in
internal security.

All Czechoslovak military air-
fields have been taken over by
Soviet forces and their ground
defences reorganised.

Clementis, former Czecho-
slovak Foreign Minister, who
fled to Yugoslavia, has applied
for asylum in Britain. He es-
caped from Prague with secret
documents.

A special committee of Minis-
ters will examine proposals to
suspend television development

until the rearmament programme
is completed.

Radar defence requirements
are likely to clash with tele-
vision manufacture soon.

Several Ministers believe
Britain cannot afford more tele-
vision at this moment and want
quick expenditure cuts before
the Budget.

The British boot and shoe in-
dustry fears renewed controls.
Its raw materials have risen in
price by 75 percent in the past
six months.

France has a Schuman plan
for agriculture with a European
pool market for selling wheat,
sugar and dairy produce.

The French Government has
decided, in view of rising prices,
to start its own synthetic rub-
ber production.

An allowance of zinc supplies
is being allocated to the silver-
plate industry to keep important
British exports going.

A special Admiralty directive
issued earlier this month for-
bids naval personnel to divulge
or comment on the appointment
of a Supreme Atlantic Naval
Commander.

A special committee of Minis-
ters will examine proposals to
suspend television development

for Paris with a transfer of the
Atlantic Treaty organisation
H. Q.

Egypt has withdrawn per-
mission for publication of the
Soviet news bulletin in Cairo.

British textile interests are
negotiating to buy all Dutch ex-
ports of artificial wool for
blending in the United Kingdom.

Russia has told India that if
international troops occupy
Kashmir to keep the peace, a
Soviet force must be included.

Queen Juliana of Holland has
inquired whether the King and
Queen of England can visit The
Hague this autumn.

Britons will receive high ap-
pointments in the Atlantic
Tactical Air Force Command.

Extensions of Maritima airfield,
on the island of Rhodes, will
make it an important East
Mediterranean air base.

An American industrial report
on Britain states that the
surplus shortage will be more
serious to industry than scarcity
of coal and meat.

Reasons for recalling General
Sir John Harding from the Far
East to the Rhine Army Com-
mand are to give him a change
of climate and prepare him for a
higher post.

on the left and right hand side
of the road.

This is how it goes:—
Your host says: "Do you
know why the driver on the left
over here, Captain Smith?"

Then you say innocently:
"Why no, Mr Brown."

Then he says: "It dates from
the time when armed men rode
on the left of the road so that
they could be ready to defend
themselves against an oncoming
enemy with a sword in their
right hand."

Then you say: "What about
left-handed swordsmen, Mr
Brown?"

It's a sure fire laugh, boys.
It's been that way for 30 years.

With everybody in a happier
mood, you can then carve your
way through the menu, make
a pass at the girls and enjoy
yourselves.

Baa, baa

"According to my tax collec-
tor the money is rolling in. Let's
hope the weather will be warm
in April, when our taxpayers will
be as warm as sheep."—From a
correspondence column.

[After Kipling's "Gentlemen
Barkers"]

To the legions of the taxed
ones, to the cohort of the
damned

To my brethren who sit at
home and freeze

Sings a wage slave of the Em-
pire, justly paid, machinely
cramped

with rationed butter, bread
and processed cheese

Yes, a wage slave who relaxes,
having paid, his flaming
taxes

Who, in faith, has paid the lot
and paid it blind;

And his life was gay and full,
while he held on to his wool!

But now he has a rather cold
behind.

We've poor little lambs who've
paid our way

Baa, baa, baa
We little black sheep can't go
astray

Baa, baa, baa
We can't go out on a binge or
spree

The Treasury's taken our
£ 5 4

God have mercy on each of
us

Baa baa, baa
—(London Express Service)

There's A Touch Of Tarnish On The Golden Boy

Says PETER WILSON

The stranger laughed when he saw the little, three-year-old boy carrying a ball nearly as big as himself. He said: "That boy will go far with a ball."

Which puts the stranger as about the best sports forecaster of this generation for the three-year-old was Denis Compton who even as a toddler, never went out of doors without a cricket ball in his pocket or a football tucked under his arm.

And now has the 32-year-old Golden Boy of sport—he was the youngest cricketer ever to have been chosen for England when he first got that honour and completed 'the double' with a Cup Final medal last April—has the Golden Boy begun to rust?

The day the current Tests began Denis's wife was awarded a decree nisi against him. He scored 3 and 0.

Then came the trouble with his knee. It started three seasons ago, but has never threatened his career so ominously before.

That kept him out of the second Test altogether. And in six Test innings he made only 31 runs.

His wicket fell four times in a total of eight balls so Compton's most devoted supporters would be forgiven for secretly wondering if their idol would have been better off out of the series altogether.

And very secretly, some must be wondering: Is Compton through? One man who is convinced that he is not is Denis's father, H. E. Compton, the carpenter who shaped the careers of both Denis and big brother Leslie.

There have been rumours that Denis would play in only one more season of English cricket, and would then emigrate—possibly to South Africa.

'TILL HE'S 60'
Says father Compton: "I don't believe that for a moment. Unless Denis's knee gets so bad that he has a permanently stiff leg he'll go on playing until he's 60."

The knee in fact is only an addition to physical and mental ailments which have conspired to produce a fumbling uncertainty where once there was the flashing brilliance of genius.

Denis suffers from a body-rash legacy of prickly heat on the South African tour. "Many's the time I've had to rub him down with lotion at the end of a day's play. But no one else knew about it," says father Compton.

Then too much cricket. When he was not playing in England he was helping England in Australia or South Africa—and when he was not doing either, he was helping the Arsenal.

A CLIMAX
To physical defect was added but never mentioned the strain of a marriage becoming threadbare.

All these things have reached a climax in the glaring sunshine and the bitter no-holds-barred atmosphere of Australian Test cricket.

I remember Compton in so many phases of his career both on and off the field—and he was always a scintillating blade. His second match for Middlesex, when he hooked the Northants fast bowler Cluck off his eyebrows as you or I would wave away a fly about to settle on our noses. We felt like the Astronomer Royal discovering a new bright star.

He was never one to but for his averages—those delights of the dusty statisticians—but when he did go out for them how small he made the others' figures look. Remember 1947, when in 50 innings he made 316 for an average of 60.85—beating Hayward's 41-year-old record by nearly 400 runs!

Those were the days of glory for Compton. And when he stepped out, after playing hours, the Golden Boy was never overshadowed.

As the Sportsman of the Year—he was voted—the title twice—he proved himself as fluent as and a more apt speaker than the eloquent Aneurin Bevan who made the presentation.

He mingled effortlessly with the mighty and was never overawed or brushed.

THE ROOT
Father Compton is convinced that the combination of domestic worry, physical weakness, too much cricket, and the strain of Australian Tests is the root cause of the last three months' failures. And these things he says will pass.

HOME RUGGER

London, Mar. 6. London Hospital beat Middlesex Hospital by eight points to three in a Hospital Cup, semi-final, Rugby Union match at Richmond, today.

London Hospital will meet the winners of the St. Mary's Hospital, v. St. Thomas' Hospital semi-final, which is being played on March 18.

Denis plans to play in two county matches for Middlesex next season and then rest for the third. That will continue throughout the summer and then he will be able to get away from all sport for six months.

Those six months I think will make or break Compton. He will be 33 then—still young enough for a cricketer. But at 33 the eyes are not as clear as they are in the teens, the reactions have slowed down and concentration needs to be more fiercely disciplined.

UNLESS—
Denis will always have enough natural genius to look like a giant among dwarfs. Against much of the bowling that he will meet in county cricket, he will pile up mountainous scores.

But if he is not to look like a dwarf among the giants he will have to make up his mind to a quieter life outside the cricket season.

Because he has given me more unalloyed pleasure than any cricketer of his—and my generation I hope he will pull it off.

Otherwise he will be surprised how soon a blazing, thirteenth-century sputter out and turns into cold grey lines of type in the record books muffled over by the greybeards on rainy nights.

(London Express Service)

Hatton's Grace Wins Hurdle Cup For Third Time

Cheltenham, Mar. 6. The 11-year-old Irish gelding, Hatton's Grace, won the Champion Hurdle Challenge Cup, run over two miles, for the third year in succession when the three-day National Hunt racing festival began here today.

National Spirit, winner of the event in 1947 and 1948, was racing slightly ahead of Hatton's Grace when he fell at the last hurdle, Hatton's Grace, who started 4 to 1 second favourite, then sprinted away from two French-owned challengers, Pyrrhus and Prince Hindou, to win by five lengths.

Pyrrhus, an 11 to 2 shot, beat Prince Hindou, another 9 to 2 chance, by half a length for the second place. The 11 to 4 favourite, Average, was fourth. A field of eight ran.—Reuter.

World record heavyweight John Davies of the United States had a score of 335, 326 and 1/4 and 301-1/4 pounds respectively.—Associated Press.

Heavyweight Leon Kurukichion 235, 230 and 310 pounds. There was a second place tie between Iran and India, but Iran was given second place because of her lighter bodyweight.

World record heavyweight John Davies of the United States had a score of 335, 326 and 1/4 and 301-1/4 pounds respectively.—Associated Press.

Khan, who is seeded as the probable finalist against the title-holder, Jim Dear, of Queen's Club, won his second round match against Ben Blake, the young Cumberland Club professional, by 9-2, 9-2.

Khan confirmed his reputation as one of the speediest players about the court in the game and he combined with his mobility a power of shot above the average. Blake put up strong resistance but was outclassed.—Reuter.

Table Tennis Championships
Vienna, Mar. 5. The world table tennis championships went into the third day here today with team tournaments in the Swaythling Cup and Corbillion Cup.

In group "A" of the Swaythling Cup, Brazil beat Luxembourg five matches to one, Yugoslavia beat Sweden 5-1 and Egypt beat Italy 5-4. In group "C" India beat Switzerland, 5-4.

In the Corbillion Cup for women, in group "A" Hungary beat the United States 3-0 and Britain beat Yugoslavia, 3-0.—United Press.

EGYPT TENNIS TOURNAMENT
Cairo, Mar. 6. Follies and Ampon, Philippines and Louise Brough, Beverly Hills, California, defeated Sven Davidson, Sweden, and Mrs. B. Abbas, Egypt, 6-3, 6-4 today in Egypt's International Tennis Championships. It was a quarterfinal mixed doubles match.—Associated Press.

Now they are going to bring over the ex-American boxing heavyweight, "Two Ton" Tony Galento to meet Doyle, and I hear that that great fighter Jack "Kid" Berg is going to take up wrestling. The public may like these things as entertainment, but they can hardly be called as belonging to the Olympic sport.

New Dates For Ryder Cup Match
London, Mar. 6. The Professional Golfers' Association of Great Britain announced today that the Ryder Cup golf match between the United States and Great Britain will be played at Pinehurst, North Carolina, on Friday and Sunday, November 2 and 4, instead of, as previously stated, on November 3 and 4.

For the first time in the history of the event, there will be a blank day between the four games and the singles. The American P.G.A. decided that the Saturday should remain free because an important University football game is being staged at Chapel Hill nearby. The British players have been invited to accompany the American golfers to the match.—Reuter.

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TOOTING & MITCHAM v. WIMBLEDON



J. Haydock, the Wimbledon goalkeeper, snatches the ball from the toe of R. Parker, the Tooting and Mitcham centre-forward, at Tooting in the third round replay of the Amateur Cup competition.

COLONY BADMINTON TOURNAMENT REACHING SEMI-FINAL STAGES

By ARGONAUT

With the play-off of four more quarter-final matches last night, the Colony Badminton Championships fast approach their semi-final stages in all events.

Nine further games to be played today and tomorrow will bring the tournament into the semi-finals, the first of which begins at St. Teresa on Monday.

While progress in the Championships has been most satisfactory, the same cannot be said of the 1961 League. Although all League matches were scheduled to be completed by February 26, there still remain at the present date, no less than 21 games yet to be decided.

In the feature game of last night's programme, W. F. Foo of Chinese YMCA, after dropping the first set, came back with a vengeance in the second and third sets, to eliminate Billy Soares, last year's Junior champion, and become the third semi-finalist in the Men's Senior Singles. He will now meet C. K. Lee, in the other half of this event's semi-finals, the holder Robert Tay will clash with the winner of the Bill Funk-Ramon Young encounter, to be decided tomorrow.

Soares started promisingly in the first set. With powerful smashes, and aided by three errors from Foo, Soares jumped to a lead of 7-0 in five sets. Foo settled down to accurate all-round play at this stage and scored eight points in a row, the last four of which being from over-lobes by Soares.

Twice the score was deadlocked at 10-10 and 13-13, but Soares, after being 13-15 and 14-15 down, struck a brilliant patch of aggressive play and smashed his way through the first set with four successive points. Exploiting his drop shots and net flights, Foo, the full, Foo dominated play in the second and third sets.

Against a game opponent, who however, surprisingly reverted to a defensive game, Foo led all the way to win the remaining two sets by 15-6 and 15-0.

CHAMPIONS EXTENDED
Two junior participants in the Senior Mixed Doubles event, M. T. Lam and Elvie Tsok put up an impressive performance when they extended the title holders, Robert Tay and Marie Ribeiro to three closely contested sets, 15-12, 9-15 and 10-15. Elvie Tsok gave a sparkling display at the net, her half-court top shots being particularly prominent. Lam, a hot favourite for the Junior Mixed title, played a brainy game, and scored a number of points with spectacular backhand cross drops, and well-placed retrieving shots to his opponents' smashes. The more powerful hitting of Tay and Ribeiro and their greater steadiness, especially in the services, carried them through.

Promising Junior Men's Doubles players, F. M. Rosario and A. J. Souza, produced only a fraction of their form in their Senior Doubles match against Patrick Wong and D. C. Lau losing in two straight sets, 12-15 and 5-15. Stage-fright forced them into a number of errors, and allowed their opponents to take the initiative from the outset. With hard smashes, drives and accurate net flights, the Chinese pair, kept the youngsters out of their devastating aggressive game and forced them into the defensive throughout the whole period.

THE RESULTS
Schoolboy Doubles:—S. N. Ng & Y. T. Hon beat C. F. Yung & W. C. Chan 15-4, 15-9.

Junior Men's Doubles:—K. H. Chin & N. K. Chan beat Brown & B. A. Xavier 15-4, 15-4.

Senior Mixed Doubles:—Robert Tay & Miss Marie Ribeiro beat M. T. Lam & Mrs. Elvie Tsok 12-15, 15-9, 15-10.

Senior Men's Singles:—W. F. Foo beat J. A. Soares 15-18, 15-6, 15-0.

Senior Men's Doubles:—Patrick Wong & D. C. Lau beat Tony Souza & Francis Rosario 15-12, 15-5.

TODAY'S GAMES
At Recoelo
8.00 p.m. Junior Men's Doubles:—H. F. Tai & W. N. Cheung v. A. J. Souza & F. M. Rosario.

8.30 Junior Men's Doubles:—S. T. Hoi & L. M. Tan v. T. E. Rodrigues & A. J. Remedios.

9.00 Senior Mixed Doubles:—K. S. Low & Miss Winnie Cheung v. J. A. Soares & Miss Gloria Silva.

9.30 Senior Men's Doubles:—C. K. Lee & W. F. Foo v. M. T. Lam & K. T. Lam.

THE LEAGUE
Twenty-one more matches still have to be completed before the Badminton League is concluded, and the stagnation of these fixtures brings out once again the necessity of the Badminton Association formulating a new system of running the League next season.

Already decided at the Men's "A" Division, the Mixed Doubles "A" Division and the Mixed Doubles "B" Division. Winners for these events are the Chinese YMCA "A", the Chinese YMCA "White" and Club de Recoelo, respectively.

The Men's "B" and "C" Division titles are yet to be decided. University, who are the only unbeaten team in the Men's "B" class, with seven straight wins are expected to win the championship in this event. Their two outstanding matches with Chung Wah will confirm the status. In the Men's "C" Division, University and Chung Wah are easily the sectional champions and will undoubtedly be the two sectional finalists for the title.

HOW THEY STAND
Men's "A" Division
Chinese Y "A" 4 4 33 3 8
Recoelo 4 2 22 16 4
Chinese Y "B" 4 0 1 35 0

Men's "B" Division
University 7 7 51 12 14
Chung Wah 5 7 32 29 14
Recoelo 5 7 32 29 14
Kowloon 5 7 32 29 14
St. Teresa 3 5 36 36 6
Shalland 12 10 29 38 4
St. John's 8 1 7 22 50 2

Men's "C" Division
University 9 5 1 70 11 16
KCC 10 7 3 47 43 14
KCL Dock 8 4 4 35 37 8
Kaikoo 9 3 0 31 50 8
St. Teresa 9 3 0 31 50 8
St. John's 9 1 0 26 53 2

Mixed Doubles
Chinese Y 14 14 106 20 28
White 12 12 89 19 24
Blue 12 12 89 19 24
Recoelo 15 9 0 33 32 10
Craigpower 15 9 0 33 32 10
St. Teresa 18 8 7 73 10 16
University 18 8 7 73 10 16
Talook 15 5 12 103 6 6
Shalland 10 2 34 111 4
St. Teresa "B" 14 14 20 100 4

Asian Games Standings

New Delhi, Mar. 6. Unofficial standings in the Asian Games today were: Philippines, first with 46 points; Singapore second with 41 and Iran third with 40.—United Press.

Iran Wins Two Titles In Asian Games

New Delhi, Mar. 6.

Iran won both the featherweight and heavyweight wrestling championships today to take a slim lead in the Asian Games.

On the basis of unofficial team scores compiled by the Associated Press, this was the standing: Iran, 18, Philippines 17, Singapore 14, Japan 10, India 6, Burma 4, Thailand, Indonesia, Nepal, Afghanistan and Ceylon, 0.

Featherweight Djafar Salamatli lifted an aggregate of 675 pounds and heavyweight Leon Kurukichion lifted an aggregate of 775 pounds.

Here are the scoring details. First Figure is for two hands, clean and press; second two hands, snatch; third, two hands, clean and jerk.

Featherweight Djafar Salamatli, 210, 210 and 225 pounds. Second place was given to Rodrigo Del Rosario of the Philippines, 215, 175 and 255 pounds.

Third, Iguchi Yukio of Japan, 200, 185, and 260. Although Iguchi and Rodrigo scored same aggregate 645 pounds, place was given to Rodrigo because his body weight was 130 and one half pounds, while Iguchi scaled at 132-1/4 pounds.

Heavyweight Leon Kurukichion 235, 230 and 310 pounds. There was a second place tie between Iran and India, but Iran was given second place because of her lighter bodyweight.

World record heavyweight John Davies of the United States had a score of 335, 326 and 1/4 and 301-1/4 pounds respectively.—Associated Press.

Impressive Debut By Pakistani In Squash Tourney

London, Mar. 6. Hashim Khan, the 35-year-old professional from Peshawar (Pakistan), made an impressive debut in the British professional squash rackete Championship at the Lansdowne Club here today.

Khan, who is seeded as the probable finalist against the title-holder, Jim Dear, of Queen's Club, won his second round match against Ben Blake, the young Cumberland Club professional, by 9-2, 9-2.

Khan confirmed his reputation as one of the speediest players about the court in the game and he combined with his mobility a power of shot above the average. Blake put up strong resistance but was outclassed.—Reuter.

Table Tennis Championships
Vienna, Mar. 5. The world table tennis championships went into the third day here today with team tournaments in the Swaythling Cup and Corbillion Cup.

In group "A" of the Swaythling Cup, Brazil beat Luxembourg five matches to one, Yugoslavia beat Sweden 5-1 and Egypt beat Italy 5-4. In group "C" India beat Switzerland, 5-4.

In the Corbillion Cup for women, in group "A" Hungary beat the United States 3-0 and Britain beat Yugoslavia, 3-0.—United Press.

EGYPT TENNIS TOURNAMENT
Cairo, Mar. 6. Follies and Ampon, Philippines and Louise Brough, Beverly Hills, California, defeated Sven Davidson, Sweden, and Mrs. B. Abbas, Egypt, 6-3, 6-4 today in Egypt's International Tennis Championships. It was a quarterfinal mixed doubles match.—Associated Press.

Now they are going to bring over the ex-American boxing heavyweight, "Two Ton" Tony Galento to meet Doyle, and I hear that that great fighter Jack "Kid" Berg is going to take up wrestling. The public may like these things as entertainment, but they can hardly be called as belonging to the Olympic sport.

HOME RUGGER
London, Mar. 6. London Hospital beat Middlesex Hospital by eight points to three in a Hospital Cup, semi-final, Rugby Union match at Richmond, today.

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5th Feb.	14th Mar.
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Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-eighth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Friday, the 9th day of March, 1951, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the Reports of the Directors and of Auditors and the Profit & Loss Account and the Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1950, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Registrar of Transfers of the Company will be closed from Monday, the 26th of February to Friday, the 9th of March, 1951, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & COMPANY, LIMITED.
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Hongkong, 21st Feb., 1951.

NOTICE

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Automobile Association will be held in the HONG KONG HOTEL ROOF GARDEN on TUESDAY, 13th March, 1951, at 5.30 p.m.

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By Order,

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 3rd March, 1951, to Friday, 16th March, 1951, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LIMITED.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 24th Feb., 1951.

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All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send in their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

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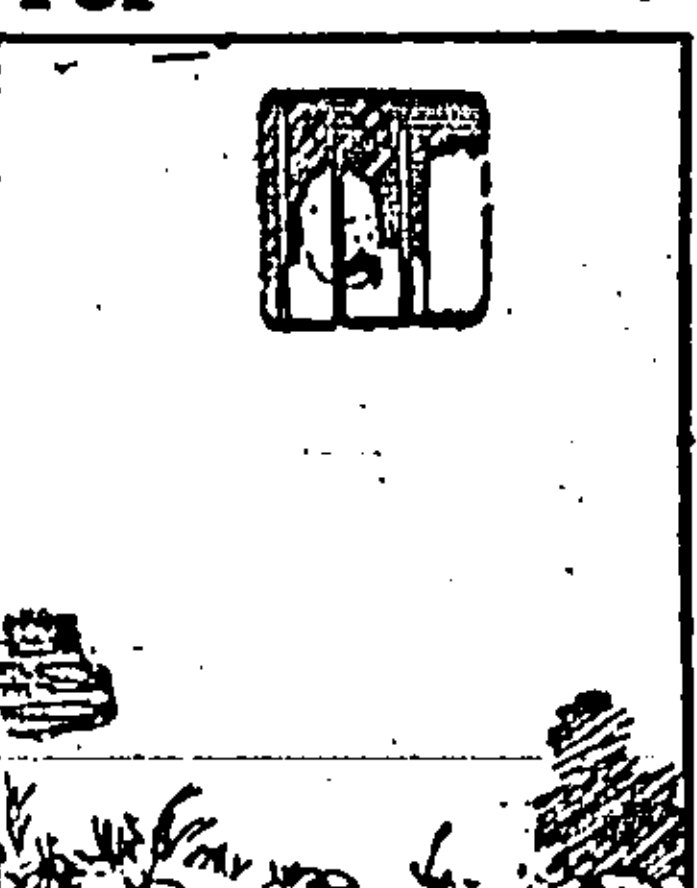
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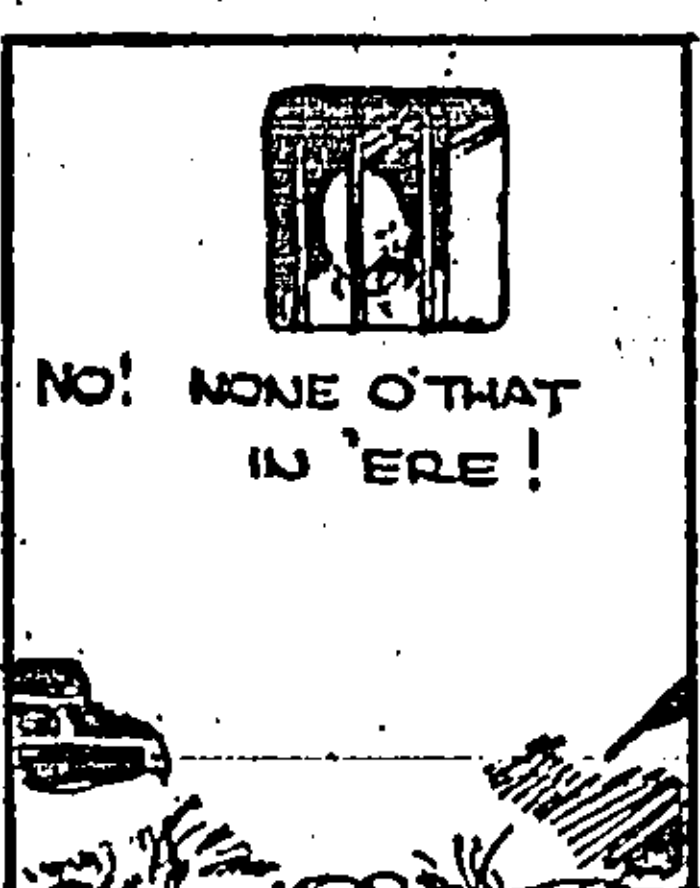
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London Stocks Easier

London, Mar. 6.
The London Stock Exchange was mainly easier today under the influence of the recent downward trend in Wall Street and while awaiting tonight's statement on the economic situation by Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Gaittelli.
Profit-taking depressed rubbers and tins and there were widespread small declines in Industrials and gilt-edged.
Oils and mining followed the prevailing trend.
Financial Times Index: 121.1, off 1.3.—Associated Press.

Weakness On Wall Street Continues

New York, Mar. 6.
Weakness persisted in the stock market today despite buyers liking General Motors and Packard. These stocks stood out on the up-side as a result of earnings and orders.
The remainder of the market sagged narrowly with the heaviest losses barely reaching a dollar. Volume of trading was again small at 1,500,000 shares.
Ralls as a group did fairly well in early trading and later still turned in a better performance than the market as a whole.
U.S. Government securities in the over-the-counter market were affected by the U.S. Treasury's new interest rate policy. The 2 1/2 percent bank eligibles of 1967-72 sold off as much as 10/32 of a point. Offerings were heavy, but actual sales were light.
The rest of the Government market was steady. The corporate bond market was slightly lower.
The curb market was narrowly mixed with trading active.
Dow Jones averages:
Stocks 93.81
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—Associated Press.

The Rubber Markets

New York, Mar. 6.
Rubber futures closed today 100 points higher to 100 points lower, with sales of 9 contracts for May delivery at 70 cents a pound. In the spot market, dealers reported that the Government had obtained fair quantities of rubber from Siam and Indonesia.
Prices closed today as follows:
Spot 73.00
March 73.00 bid
May 73.00 bid
July 73.00 bid
—United Press.
S'PORE MARKET
Singapore, Mar. 6.
Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:
Number 1 rubber, per lb.
March 229-230
April 224 1/2
May 225 1/2
June 226-227
Number 2 rubber, March 206-207
Number 4 rubber, March 196-197
Spot rubber unbleached 276-277
Black crepe 163-165
No. 1 pale crepe 230-235
—United Press.
LONDON MARKET
London, Mar. 6.
Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:
Number 1 rubber, in cents
per lb. 72 1/2-73 1/2
April 68-69 1/2
April/June 66-67
July/September 65-66 1/2
October/December 65-66 1/2
Normal 65-66 1/2
—United Press.

East Germany Big Supplier Of Communist China

Leipzig, Mar. 6.
Communist East Germany is second only to the Soviet Union as supplier of Communist China, it was announced here today.

George Handtke, Minister of Foreign Trade for the East German Government, told a Press conference, "We follow the Soviet Union in trade with the People's Republic of China as a result of our trade agreement."

Even bigger exports would be sent to both China and the Soviet Union in the next year, though he lambasted the West German Republic and "American imperialism" for preventing inter-German trade.
Handtke said a large Chinese delegation is in Leipzig for the Fair which opened on Monday to negotiate further exchanges and that the first ship bearing cargo from China for East Germany had arrived at Antwerp last week and was en route by rail.
Handtke did not give any figures on East German exports, except on the usual percentage basis. He stated that the East German Government exports 44 percent in 1950 with a 55 percent gain registered in trade with Russia.

Strong Reaction In Britain To American Criticism Over Tin

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Mar. 6.
The report of the United States Senate Preparedness Sub-committee on the price of tin has led to some of the most uninhibited comment heard on the subject of raw materials since the Korean crisis began.
The report could not have been published at a worse time. Nor could its indiscreet wording have been better designed to provoke the already ruffled temper of British opinion in regard to the U.S. raw materials policy.
Its criticism of Eastern producers and its implied threat to free markets do not meet favour in a country which is virtually starved of raw materials—some of the most important of which are of American origin.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

The volume of business transacted on the Stock Exchange this morning was \$227,059.80. The half day's business and noon closing prices were as follows:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES		
BANKS	1300	
HSBC	101	
East Asiatic	101	
Union	255	
Underwriters	310	
DOCKERS, ETC.	81	
N. P. Wharf	8	
Dock	13 1/2	800 @ 13 1/2
Provident	11 1/2	800 @ 13 1/2
Shui Doek	2 1/2	
Wing Lee	1 1/2	
Yangtze	2 1/2	
LAND, ETC.		
HK Hotel	37	5.55 KD @ 35
HK Land	135	1.40 3000 @ 1.40
Shui Doek	135	1.40 3000 @ 1.40
Humphreys	8	XD
UTILITIES		
Tram XD	11 1/2	11 1/2 1000 @ 11 1/2
Star Ferry	60	610 600 @ 6
Light (G)	3.70	
C. Light (N)	3.70	
C. Light	3.70	
B. Shares	5.00	5.75 233 @ 5.00
Electric XD	23 1/2	1500 @ 5.70
Rope XD	12 1/2	200 @ 23 1/2
INDUSTRIALS		
Dairy	13 1/2	4000 @ 13 1/2
1400	@ 13	
400	@ 13	
700	@ 13 1/2	
200	@ 13 1/2	
200	@ 12	
200	@ 12	
Dairy (N)	11 1/2	2000 @ 11 1/2
Watson XD	18	300 @ 17 1/2
200	@ 17 1/2	
1000	@ 17 1/2	
L. Crawford 21 1/2		
COTTONS		
Ewo	2.70	

NEW YORK BANK QUOTATIONS

New York, Mar. 6.
Closing bank quotations:
Bank of America 28 1/2 bid, 28 3/4 asked
Chase National 39 1/2 bid, 41 1/4 asked
National City 48 1/2 bid, 49 1/4 asked
—Associated Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market, this morning, at the following rates:
Sterling note (per £) 60.00
U.S. dollars (per \$100) 60.00
Indonesia (per 100) 2.50
Siam (per 100) 25.50
Singapore (per 100) 1.75
FIC (per 100) 15.00

Government were badly shaken by the adverse vote in the Commons on Friday on the private member's motion criticizing them for their failure to build up a stockpile of strategic commodities. It is now an open secret that Government are seriously worried about raw materials shortages and Mr Hugh Gaittelli, Chancellor of the Exchequer, is due to go on the air tonight to explain the effects of rearmament with special reference to these shortages.
It was against this background that the Senate Sub-committee's report was received. Not surprisingly, therefore, comment on it has not been on the same polite level as recent discussions on this problem. If one or two painful "home truths" have been uttered it is not to be wondered at.

The Financial Times, which is usually restrained in its comment when Anglo-American relations are in danger, today fires all its big guns in defence of tin producers. It says, "The Malayan report is that 'in the first place the producers do not and cannot control the price of tin; secondly that production since the war has been at the maximum possible; thirdly that American buyers are themselves largely responsible for the present price; and finally that since the Americans would not agree on the scheme for control last November they have little cause to complain now.'"

TALKS PREJUDICED
An international tin conference foreshadowed by your correspondent some time ago will be brought a step nearer at a preliminary meeting due to open at Washington on March 14 to discuss the proposal for a tin commodity group. The success of this meeting must, however, be prejudiced by the remarks of the Senate Sub-committee and by the fact that an international tin conference at Geneva last November failed because of the American attitude towards international control.

The Financial Times makes a pointed reference to this in its editorial this morning. It says the report of the Sub-committee "hardly sweetens the atmosphere for the preliminary meeting at least, however, it has brought out into the open the issues that the committee will have to face."
As it was precisely these same issues which caused the last international tin conference to break down, hopes for a successful agreement now must recede as a result of the provocative tone of the official American report.

Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Mar. 6.
Prices of grain futures closed here today as follows:
Wheat, price per bushel
Spot 1.42
March 1.42 1/2
May 1.43 1/2
July 1.44 1/2
September 1.45 1/2
December 1.46 1/2
Corn
Spot 1.00 1/2
March 1.00 1/2
May 1.01 1/2
July 1.02 1/2
September 1.03 1/2
December 1.04 1/2
Rye
Spot 1.25 1/2
March 1.25 1/2
May 1.26 1/2
July 1.27 1/2
September 1.28 1/2
December 1.29 1/2
Oats
Spot 1.15 1/2
March 1.15 1/2
May 1.16 1/2
July 1.17 1/2
September 1.18 1/2
December 1.19 1/2
New York Flour—per 200 lb. sack
\$13.10—United Press.

Cotton Trading To Resume

New York, Mar. 6.
The Board of Managers of the New York Cotton Exchange decided today to resume trading in cotton futures at 1500 hrs. GMT (11 p.m. Hongkong time) on Thursday.
Trading in raw cotton was suspended in January following the imposition of the Government wage and price freeze.—United Press.

Wheat Quotation

New York, Mar. 6.
Winnipeg, Northern number 3 wheat, for export—agreement countries, was quoted today at \$12.—United Press.

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"TJAWANGI" 27th Mar. 1st Apr.
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ARRIVALS
"TJAWANGI" In Port 7th Mar.
"TJAWANGI" 16th Mar. 18th Mar.
"TJAWANGI" 24th Mar. 24th Mar.
"TJAWANGI" 27th Mar. 1st Apr.
"STRAAT SOERENDA" In Port 25th Mar. 5th Apr.
● not proceeding to S. America.
† not calling Manila.

● JAPAN
ARRIVALS
"TJAWANGI" 14th Mar. 20th Mar.
"TJAWANGI" 24th Mar. 24th Mar.
"TJAWANGI" 27th Mar. 1st Apr.
"STRAAT SOERENDA" 4th Apr. 20th Mar.

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● JAPAN
ARRIVALS
"AAGTERKERK" 12th Mar. 20th Mar.
"ALMERE" 20th Mar. 1st Apr.
"LANGLESCOT" May 20th Mar.
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"J. S. LOCKENBACH"	Steam	Apr. 20	Apr. 21	San Francisco via Kobe & Yokohama
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7
Closing Times By Air
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, Iraq, South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy, N.W. Europe and France, 5 p.m., via B.O.A.C.
Indo-China, 5 p.m., via Air France.
Canada & U.S.A., 5 p.m., via Canadian Pacific Airline.
Formosa, 5 p.m., via Hongkong Airways.
Closing Times By Sea
Macao, 5 a.m. & 4.30 p.m., via Yu Men and Hong Kong.
China, Peoples Republic, 5.30 a.m. & 4.30 p.m., by train, via Canton.
Indo-China, 5 a.m., via Hsin Sang.
Siam, 2 p.m., via Rance.
Malaya, Ceylon, Madagascar, India & Pakistan, 2 p.m., via Star Hotel.
THURSDAY, MARCH 8
Closing Times By Air
India, Pakistan, Persia, Gulf ports, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy, N.W. Europe and France, 5 p.m., via B.O.A.C.
Siam, Malaya & Indonesia, 5 p.m., via Cathay Pacific Airways.
Japan & Korea, 5 p.m., via B.O.A.C.
Philippines, 5 p.m., via Philippine Airlines.
Indo-China & French North Africa, 5 p.m., via Air France.
Closing Times By Sea
Macao, 5 a.m. & 4.30 p.m., via Yu Men and Hong Kong.
China, Peoples Republic, 5.30 a.m. & 4.30 p.m., by train, via Canton.

First View Of The Public



Two polar bear cubs were born at the Copenhagen Zoo a few months ago—and have only just been seen by the public for the first time. The cubs—born to "Musso" have not yet been named. Photo shows the two cubs having a spot of fun at the Zoo.—London Express Service.

CARELESS ACTION ENDANGERS 11 LIVES

An object lesson demonstrating why the greatest care must be executed in the handling of gasoline and other highly inflammable liquid or materials was cited at Kowloon court this morning by a fire brigade officer for the benefit of the public.

The safety of eleven lives were jeopardised and several persons sustained various degrees of burns all because a woman was careless in the handling of petrol last Sunday night.

The near catastrophe was the result of a fire which broke out that night at 75, Tong Mei Road and completely destroyed the third floor and all the personal belongings of the tenants.

The woman, Wong Tin, 27, who herself lost everything and was detained in Kowloon Hospital for burns, was arrested and charged under the dangerous goods ordinance before Mr. d'Almeida at Kowloon this morning. She was accused of carrying out an operation involving the exposure of exempted liquid.

HOW IT HAPPENED
Divisional Officer, V. C. Seymour, of the Fire Brigade, Kowloon, related that a kerosene lamp was burning low on the ground last Sunday night and Wong Tin wanted to replenish the fuel. She took the lamp-head off with the wick still burning and poured gasoline into the lamp. The flame from the petrol was ignited by the naked flame close by and burst her hand. She let go, and the lamp fell to the floor, causing a fierce fire to break out. The fire brigade arrived in time to save eleven residents trapped in various parts of the building by the spreading flame.

DES VOEUX ROAD SHOOTING

BALLISTIC EXPERT GIVES EVIDENCE

F. A. Ewins, ballistic expert, and Dr T. C. Pang, Police Surgeon, who has made a special study of forensic medicine, gave evidence before Mr Justice Gould at the Criminal Sessions at the resumed hearing before a jury of four men and three women of the Gloucester Building pavement shooting case.

On trial is Siu Ming, 26, a former Hongkong policeman, accused of having used a .32 Walther automatic pistol without lawful authority against Li Chi on January 13 this year.

Prosecuting is Mr. M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det-Sub-Inspector F. Roberts, while the defence is being conducted by Mr. S. V. Gittins, instructed by Mr. A. K. W. Lui, of Messrs Lo and Lo.

Continuing his testimony from yesterday, Ewins, assistant superintendent, P.W.D., said that a bullet fired from a .32 Walther pistol barrel had its own individual characteristics distinct from any other.

Witness described his findings on two crime bullets and a test bullet under the comparison microscope and said that he found seven identical markings. He had no doubt that the two crime bullets and the test bullet had been fired from the same weapon.

Replying to Crown Counsel, Ewins said that he had a little knowledge of fingerprints and agreed with Mr. Heenan that there was no recorded case of two persons having the same fingerprints.

Mr. Heenan: Would you say the same degree of certainty exists in saying that weapon such as this pistol would make identical characteristic marks as another pistol?

Witness: There may be some markings the same if the weapon fired was the next made in succession, but collectively the markings would not coincide in every respect.

Ewins also gave evidence of the mechanism connected with the loading and unloading of a Walther gun.

Next Crown witness called was Dr T. C. Pang, Police Surgeon, attached to the Headquarters, Hongkong. He gave evidence of examining the accused at Central Police Station where he found him to be five feet 8 1/2 inches in height, of 115 lbs in weight, and reasonably well developed arms. The accused had a few pointed scratches on the tip of the nose and the other on the knuckle of the left hand middle finger.

He testified to finding bloodstains on the accused's collar, blue overcoat on the outer aspect of the left collar. He found human blood smeared on the newspaper wrappings. The blood on the latter was small in quantity and was insufficient to determine whether it was human blood.

Witness next described his examination of the clothing which the accused wore at the time and declared he found no blood stains on them.

Referring to his examination of the victim's felt hat and clothing, Dr Pang said he found human bloodstains on the under surface of the rim of the hat while the angles were copious and stained with blood. There were also bloodstains on the jacket and cardigan.

Questioned by Mr. Heenan, Dr Pang said that the two pointed scratches on the accused were superficial.

Witness added that he made a special study of forensic medicine under well known experts in England during the last three years and during that study and his practical work there had considerable experience in dealing with bloodstains.

A girl, Keung Ping-ling, alias Keung Yim, aged 18 years, daughter of a Police pensioner, gave evidence that she knew the accused when he was a constable in the Hongkong Police Force. She had not seen him for some time and met him by accident in October, 1950, and again on the night of January 13 this year near the Queen's Theatre, also accidentally. They went together to the Pak Kung Hotel in Wan Chai where the accused secured a room. She returned home about 10 o'clock that evening and did not see accused again until the Magistrate.

Asked by Mr. Heenan if she was wearing a watch at that time, Keung said she was not, but she saw the accused wearing a watch which she described as a wrist watch and a blue overcoat.

Court Martial Verdict

Sergeant Michael Gassler, R.A., was yesterday found guilty by a court martial of committing an act of gross indecency with a Chinese male and was sentenced to one year's imprisonment and to be discharged from the Army with ignominy.

The sentence is subject to confirmation. Gassler was found not guilty by the court on a charge of indecently assaulting a Chinese male.

MacDonald In London For Talks

London, Mar. 6.
Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner General in South-East Asia, arrived here by air tonight.

Mr. MacDonald is here for talks on the Far Eastern situation with the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, and Cabinet Ministers. He had flown here from Singapore with General Sir John Harding, Commander-in-Chief, British land forces in the Far East.

Mr. MacDonald, who is to stay about a week in Britain, will begin his consultations tomorrow morning when he meets Mr. James Griffiths, the Colonial Secretary.

General Harding will be taking part in some joint consultations and will also have talks with War Office officials.

Mr. MacDonald said the air report that the Communists in South-East Asia would have no hope whatsoever if it were not for the Communist threat from outside.

"If they do not get help from outside the position will improve slowly and steadily," he said. Asked if there was a danger of Chinese "volunteers" marching into Indo-China, he replied: "Your guess is as good as mine."

The Commissioner-General said at his last visit to London in November, things had got a little better. Malays, "People are getting more information about the terrorist movement, which means that our forces are able to make more contacts and get more kills," he said.

THE DANGER
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During his stay in London Mr. MacDonald will stay at the Government Guest House in London's West End. — Reuter.

Kashmir Dispute: Powerful Plea By Pakistan

Lake Success, Mar. 6
Pakistan asked the United Nations today to appoint "an outstanding personality" with full powers to resolve the long-standing dispute between India and Pakistan on the future of Kashmir.

Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, Pakistan's Foreign Minister, called upon the Security Council for "prompt and vigorous action."

He said that whoever was appointed by the United Nations should have full powers for the discharge of his responsibility including the power to effect demilitarisation by removing or disbanding the military forces of all interested parties; to exercise the effective supervision over the functions of government in the State; and to arbitrate on points of difference between the parties.

Sir Mohammed also asked the Council to take the following action:

(1) To call upon India and Pakistan to withdraw their forces and to co-operate with the United Nations representative in the discharge of his duties.

(2) To ask India not to convoke a Constituent Assembly in Kashmir or make any attempt to determine unilaterally the future of the State.

Sir Mohammed said that taking this action the Council would put "to a final and conclusive test" India's statement that it wished to honour its obligations under previous Council resolutions which called for a free and impartial plebiscite in Kashmir.

NO TIME TO LOSE
He said that events in the world were moving fast and there was no time to lose. If the Council did not take prompt action there would be "the greatest danger to the peace of Asia."

Sir Mohammed, at the opening of his statement to the Council, said that unfortunately very little progress had been made towards a peaceful settlement of the Kashmir question which had been before the Council on several occasions.

He said that Sir Benegal Narayan (India) in his speech last week had set himself a "comparatively easy task."

It was to impress upon the Council that it need do no more than accept Sir Owen Dixon's suggestion that the matter now be left to discussion and settlement between the parties themselves.

"At least a part of the objective he set himself was that the Security Council should be persuaded that the best thing to do now with regard to Kashmir was to do nothing," Sir Mohammed said.

"All that was necessary for him to do was to put forward certain considerations which would show that a peaceful settlement was difficult—at least through the efforts of the Security Council—and that, therefore, the problem should be left to look after itself."

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GOLD BAR SMUGGLERS

Arrested when found walking in a peculiar manner in Connaught and Central yards, Chan Hing, 23, unemployed, was taken to Queen Mary Hospital, where six gold bars weighing 30 taels and valued at \$6,000 were taken from his person.

Pleading guilty to importing the gold without a licence on the mv Lee Hong before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning, Chan was cautioned and discharged. The gold was ordered to be confiscated.

Another man, Chan Pak-kui, 30-year-old travelling trader, who pleaded guilty to importing the same amount of gold in a similar manner without a licence, was also cautioned and discharged, and had his gold confiscated.

UNLICENSED FACTORY

A fine of \$500 was imposed by Mr. Winter at Kowloon this morning on the proprietor of the Sul On Timber Yard of 2, Anchor Street, for operating an unlicensed factory and failing to fence in dangerous parts of an extensive wheel in the factory.

The proprietor, Mr. Chan Sun Motor Tyre Company of 738 Nathan Road, ground floor, was fined \$400 for using the premises as a workshop without registration.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. "Programme Summary": 6.02, Children's Story "People of the Past" (BBC Broadcast for Schools); 6.15, "The Golden Gate Quartet"; 6.30, "The Piano" (Studio); 7.00, "World News and News Analysis" (London Relay); 7.15, "Service News"; 7.30, "Grand Symphony Orchestra" (BBC Broadcast); 7.45, "Dennis Noble" (Harrogate); 8.00, "From the Editor's Desk" (London Relay); 8.15, "Variety Requests" (Presented by Pauline Spencer) (Studio); 9.10, "The Music of the World" (BBC Broadcast); 9.30, "Re-arrangement Programme" (Studio); 9.45, "A Recorded Reproduction of a Talk by the Hon. Mr. Justice Goffe" (BBC Broadcast); 10.00, "The Golden Gate Quartet" (London Relay); 10.15, "Variety Requests" (Presented by Pauline Spencer) (Studio); 10.30, "The Music of the World" (BBC Broadcast); 10.45, "Re-arrangement Programme" (Studio); 11.00, "A Recorded Reproduction of a Talk by the Hon. 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